THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) No, Sir. However, in terms of clause 6(1) of the Textiles (Development and Regulation) Order, 1993, every person on installing any powerloom in the small scale indsutries sector subject to the provisions of any Central or State law, shall file an Information Memorandum in Form 1 to an officer notified in this behalf by the State Government within whose territory the powerloom has been installed, with a copy thereof to the Textile Commissioner, Mumbai and every person on installing any powerloom in non-small scale industrial units (other than units referred to in the proviso) shall file an Information Memorandum in Form 1 to the Textile Commissioner, Mumbai, provided that nothing contained in this sub-clause shall apply in the case of non-small scale industrial units located within 25 Kms from the periphery of a city, if such industrial units are not located within "industrial areas" designated by the State Government before 24th day of July, 1991 and the installation of the aforesaid powerloom in such industrial unit is regulated under the provisions of the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951.

(b) A Statement showing the number of powerlooms installed during the last three years, State-wise is attached.

(c) Yes, Sir. From the total number of powerlooms installed during the years 1994, 1995 and 1996 (upto June, 1996), it is observed that the number of powerloom has increased.

(d) The percentage increase of powerloom during the year 1994 was 24%, December 1995, 6.42% and 1996 (upto June, 1996), 7.76% over the number of powerloom installed as on December, 1993.

(e) The number of workers engaged in the pwerloom sector in the country as on 31st December, 1994, 31st December, 1995 and 1996 (upto June, 1996) were 65.7 lakhs, 68.26 lakhs and 69.15 lakhs respectively.

STATEMENT

The total number of powerlooms installed during the last three years, State-wise is as under:

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	Total Number of Powerlooms Installed		
		1994 (as on 31.12.94)	1995 (as on 31.12.95)	1996 (upto June, 1996)
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	41371	43440	43440
2.	Assam	2726	2726	2726
3.	Bihar	2850	2870	2870
4.	Goa	122	122	122
5.	Gujarat	293491	302280	303670
6.	Haryana	9882	9882	9882
7.	Himachal Pradesh	1302	1302	1302
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	NIL	NIL	NIL
9.	Karnataka	54394	57112	58611
10.	Kerala	2026	2304	3181
11.	Madhya Pradesh	33807	34593	34811
12.	Maharashtra	514302	546110	555712
13.	Orissa	3205	3223	3223
14.	Punjab	21862	21980	22090
15.	Rajasthan	30915	31471	32837
16.	Tamil Nadu	229732	233842	236038
17.	Uttar Pradesh	65366	65366	65366
18.	West Bengal	4212	4223	4237
19.	Sikkim	NIL	NIL	NIL
20.	Delhi	1102	1102	1102
21.	Nagaland	NIL	NIL	NIL
22.	Tripura	NIL	NIL	NIL
23.	Meghalaya	NIL	NIL	NIL
24.	Manipur	NIL	NIL	NIL
25.	Arunachal Pradesh	NIL	NIL	NIL
26.	Mizoram	NIL	NIL	NIL
UNION TERRITORY:				
27.	Chandigarh	42	42	42
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	464	464	464
29.	Pondicherry	830	830	830
30.	Daman & Diu	NIL	NIL	NIL
31.	Lakshadweep	NIL	NIL	NIL
32.	Andaman & Nicobar	NIL	NIL	NIL
	Total	1314003	1365284	1382556

Rubber Cultivation

3124. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total area under rubber cultivation in each State of the North-Eastern region;

(b) whether the Rubber Board has conducted any survey for rubber plantation in the North-Eastern regions;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the action taken by the Government for the development of rubber plantation and process the locally available rubber in the region ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTERY OF COMMERCE (SRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) The total area uder rubber in the different States of North-East as on 31.3.1996 is given below:

(In hectare)

i)	Tripura	20,761
ii)	Assam	10,179
iii)	Meghalaya	4,105
iv)	Manipur	1,400
v)	Mizoram	913
vi)	Nagaland	1,523
vii)	Arunachal Pradesh	49
	Total	38,930

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.The Rubber Board has been taking up exploratory surveys in the North Eastern Region since 1970. The area suitable for rubber cultivation in that region, is estimated as under:

(In hectares)

i)	Assam	2,00,000
ii)	Tripura	1,00,000
iii)	Meghalaya	50,000
iv)	Nagaland	50,000
v)	Other N.E. States	50,000
	Total	4,50,000

(d) The Rubber Board has been assisting small growers to set up processing facilities by supplying rollers and other estate equipments at concessional rates, assisting construction of smoke houses by providing technical and financial assistance in addition to special assistance being given to tribal/SC groups for community processing.

The Board has also been providing technical and financial assistance to State Public Sector Undertakings egaged in development of rubber plantation in the region, besides promoting voluntary organisations of rubber growers to take up community processing and marketing

Supply of Mulberry

3125. DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to supply five thousand kgs. of mulberry yarn per month to Sualkuchi in Assam as reported in "Assam Tribune" dated February 21,1997 under the caption "Mulberry yarn for Sualkuchi"

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the other assistance is likely to be provided to Sualkuchi for development of sericulture ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir . During the visit of a High Powered Team to Guwahati (Assam) on 17.2.1997 and field visits on 18.2.1997 it has been agreed to extend the scope of support to handloom weavers in Sualkuchi area (Assam) by arranging supplies of 5000 kgs. of Mulberry Silk Yarn per month by National Handloom Development Corporation (NHDC) Ltd. to M/s. the Assam Weavers and Artisans Cooperative Federation Ltd. (ARTFED) against demand to be placed by M/s. ARTFED.

(c) In order to supplement the efforts of the State Government for the development of sericulture, the Central Government through the Central Silk Board has established a Demonstration-cum-Training Centre at Sualkuchi to demonstrate the improved techniques of cocoon processing and Silk reeling to the reelers. Besides a special demonstration of the new technologies and machines developed for reeling of muga cocoons is being conducted by Silk Technological Research Training Institute, Bangalore. In addition a post-cocoon Technical Service Centre has also been set up to provide technical advise to silk reeling, spinning and weaving units including dyeing, printing and wet processing of silk fabrics at Sualkuchi.

I.M.F. and World Bank Assistance

3126. SHRI JAYANTA BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister for the State in the Ministery of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India has been receiving I.M.F. and World Bank assistance for the different developmental projects;

(b) if so, the number of projects which have been funded by the I.M.F. and World Bank in India since 1991 and in different States, State-wise; and

(c) the amounts of funds involved in those projects year-wise and State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) to (c) IMF loans are for balance of payments support and are not given for development projects, while the World Bank loans are given for development projects. The numbers and amount of agreement signed for State-sector projects year-wise is given as statement.